Hospitality and Eucharist

Thanks for the warm welcome! Since arriving I have been impressed by how friendly people are in this parish. That is a great gift, not only for me. People are drawn to this parish because it is a welcoming place. Hospitality is the CORE of vibrant parish life. This Saturday night I will host a "Welcome Dinner" for new parishioners. I am not sure who began this practice, but it is a great idea.

It was heartening to see such strong attendance last Sunday night when Bishop Gruss came to install me as pastor. After celebrating Mass he said, *"I would like to come here more often for this Mass. The music is great."* He meant that those leading the music did an excellent job AND the people sang with faith-filled hearts and full voice. At each of the Masses, you celebrate liturgy well. The music is prayerful, greeters are friendly, and the liturgical ministers are well trained. It is a gift to celebrate the Mass here.

As you know, this Advent our Church will have a new translation of the Mass. Most prayers will be the same, but some of the words will change. However, we will not focus merely on "learning new words." Rather, this is an opportunity to deepen our appreciation for the beauty of the Mass.

We will offer several opportunities for people to grow in their experience of the Eucharist. Small study groups will provide resources for people to read on their own, as well as gatherings to share new insights. In some cases, former RENEW groups have decided to reunite. This is another benefit of the small groups. People will form bonds of friendship and faith that will last far beyond the discussions about the new missal.

I am also working with staff members to find other means to help people learn about the Mass. For example, prior to Mass we will take some time to practice new musical settings, and I might offer a 6-7 minutes teaching on one part of the Mass (e.g., prior to 9 AM Mass, the teaching at 8:45 AM and music practice at 8:52 AM). Please let me know if you think people might be interested in the teaching. Obviously this would be an optional learning experience that people could choose to attend by coming to Mass 15 minutes early.

Mary Coffin has done extensive research on the new translation an on the history of the liturgy. And we are discussing other means of learning. So there will be additional opportunities for growing in appreciation of the greatest prayer on earth, the Holy Eucharist.

This parish already prays very well. And we want to continue that tradition. Please take the time to grow in your understanding of the Mass so that you might experience the power that flows from Christ through us and into the rest of our lives.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Steve

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation: Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

August 29 – September 4, 2011

Monday, August 29

Memorial of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Readings: *First Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Mark 6:17-29 (red)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Tom Ryan on his birthday

Tuesday, August 30

Readings: *First Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 4:31-37 (green)*

8:00 am: Morning Prayer

7:00 pm: SPROUTS Core Team Meeting

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, August 31

Readings: *Colossians 1:1-8; Psalms 52:10, 11; Luke 4:38-44 (green)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Bishop Gruss and the Diocese of Rapid City, SD

8:30 am – 8:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am: Bible Study

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

7:00 pm: **NO** Reconciliation Tonight

Thursday, September 1

Readings*: Colossians 1:9-14; Psalms 98:2-6; Luke 5:1-11 (green)*

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Tom & Viola Ryan on their Anniversary

9:00 am: Staff Meeting

12:00 pm: Mary's Widows Potluck in the old rectory – all widows are welcome, please bring a dish to share

6:30 pm Gatherings of Grace Core Team Meeting

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, September 2

Readings: *Colossians 1:15-20; Psalms 100:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (green)*

Saturday Morning, September 3

Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church

Readings: *Colossians 1:21-23; Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8; Luke 6:1-5 (white)*

9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, September 3

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings*: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (green)*

5:00 pm Sunday Vigil Liturgy

Mass Intention: For the OLBH Community

Sunday, September 4

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings*: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20 (green)*

9:00 am: Sunday Morning Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Bishop Cupich and the Diocese of Spokane, WA

10:00 am: Coffee Hour

6:00 pm: Sunday Evening Liturgy

Mass Intention: For Fr. Mark McCormick and the parish community of Ft. Pierre

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New CD titles have been added
to the display, check it out.

OLBH Parish News

Food Coordinators Needed

2 Food Coordinators Needed for Faith Formation OLBH is seeking **one volunteer food coordinator for Gatherings of Grace** and **one volunteer food coordinator for Life Night**. Gatherings of Grace meals are held on one Wednesday evening a month at 6:00 pm. Life Night meals are held 3 Sundays a month at 4:00pm. We plan the menu and purchase the food for each event and will provide a list of participants & phone numbers for you to contact. If you are interested in this ministry, please inquire with Jenny Scherr at jenny.scherr@olbh.org or call the office at 787-5168.

Preschool Catechist Needed

We are anticipating the need of additional help with our preschool children for faith formation. Life Night is held on 3 Sundays a month at 4:00pm. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Jenny Scherr @ 787-5168 or jenny.scherr@olbh.org

RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Any child who is 7 years old or older and has not been baptized has the opportunity to participate in a RCIC formation course. The program helps them experience and understand the teachings of the Catholic Church. RCIC is a spiritual journey for non-baptized children who are already at the "age of reason" (7 yrs. or older). According to the ancient practice of the Church, they will receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil. If anyone is interested in RCIC, please contact Jenny Scherr @ 787-5168.

Celebrate Anew

It's not too late to sign up!

Small groups will begin meeting next week. If you have not signed up, please do by filling out a small group meeting card which can be found in the gathering area. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about "the source and summit of our faith." For more information or to sign up, contact the parish office (787-5168).

Mary's Widows Potluck

Mary's Widows, a widowed women's group, will be meeting in the old rectory for a potluck on Thursday, September 1st at 12:00 noon. All widowed women are invited to gather for the potluck. Fr. Steve Biegler will be having lunch with them. Please RSVP to Patty Cariveau at 721-4281.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

In October, we will begin preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Any parent who has a child in the 2nd grade and/or 7 years old or older and has not yet received First Reconciliation or First Communion are welcome to join us for sacramental preparation. If your child is ready to begin his/her journey together with a parent, please fill out the faith formation form in the gathering area and mark the appropriate fields. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Scherr @ 787-5168.

Ministry Fair 2011

Ministry Fair & Knights of Columbus Breakfast

OLBH Ministry Fair will be held on September 10th & 11th after each of the Masses. You will have an opportunity to meet representatives of the 40 some ministries here at Our Lady of the Black Hills. Please sign up for any ministries you may be interested in, and share your gifts of time and talent, that God has given you, with our Parish Community. The Knights of Columbus will be having a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee during the Ministry Fair after the 9 am Mass on Sunday the 12th. Free will donations will be accepted for the breakfast to benefit the Food Pantry.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." ~ *Proverbs 21:3*

Rapid City Diocese News

Beginning Experience®

Separated & Divorced Support Group, Encountering Life Alone. Are you recently separated or divorced? Are you struggling with the pain and loneliness? Healing can begin with the next the nine-week session of the separated and divorced support group. The next session starts at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2011** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The support group is non-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Pre-registration is requested! Registration fee is $25.00. Need-based scholarships available. To pre-register or for more information, call Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

You are Invited to a Healing Retreat

Father Richard McAlear, OMI gave a compelling healing retreat at Blessed Sacrament parish two and five years ago. Many of us remember this experience as it still resounds in our hearts. Father McAlear is coming back. Do not miss the opportunity to attend the "Be Not Afraid – Open Wide Your Heart to Christ" Healing Retreat with him. It will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City on September 23-25. Check the flyer (last week bulletin insert), or the poster posted on the bulletin board, or the Blessed Sacrament Church website www.blessedsacramentchurch.org or call Rose at (605) 342-3336 for detailed information. There is no charge to attend this retreat. Tell others about it. Bring your loved ones!

Heal Your Grief

A Bereavement Support Group that is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat

Ladies, save this date! **October 21-23, 2011.** The retreat will be held at Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD and directed by Susan Safford, Coordinator of Vocations for the Diocese of Rapid City. Watch your bulletin for more information or call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Mother's in Love + Father's in Love = Families in Love! They say the best gift you can give your kids is parents that are in love with each other. Turn your "good" marriage into a "great" marriage by attending the next **Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 4-6, 2011 in Spearfish.** For more information or to register, contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. *A Weekend of Discovery... A lifetime of love!*

Centering Prayer with Lectio Divina

November 26: 9:30-1130 a.m., St. Martin Monastery large conference room. Offering of $10 includes refreshments. Reflections include Lectio and Centering Prayer for those who have done centering, followed by a tape by Father Thomas Keating. Kindly preregister. Sister Marmion Howe 343-8011, srmarmion@knology.net

Rachel's Corner

Because of the tender mercy of our God, the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. ~Reflections from *Footprints;* Luke 1:78-79

If the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion has shaken your faith and caused you to lose hope, there is a healing process that will change your life. Mercy greater than you can imagine awaits you at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

September 3rd & 4th, 2011

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Betsy Van Asma		
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher* Kimberly Schacher Dawson Rhodes	Andrew Corbine* Aric Dyczek Cole Mettler	Chris Van Asma* Matthew Van Asma Adam Jerzak
Precious Body **Precious Blood**	**Walt Wilson** Elijah Ehresmann Hannah Ehresmann Jacqui Blaha Jerry Silbernagel	**Walt Wilson** Joyce Williamson Larry Williamson Barb Erickson Gary Erickson	**Tom Van Asma** Bernadette Usera John Usera Betsy Van Asma Sharon Long
Lectors	Joni Osnes Greg Sass	Donna Boner Diane Clarke	Thomas Jerzak Bridgette Fode
Sacristans	Joe Schacher Linda Schacher	Bob Weaver	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Bernard Wiehl Loretta Wiehl	Frank Boner Joan Wilson	Ken Wentz Becky Wentz
Choir	OLBH Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

JoAnn McCormick – Fr. Mark's mother
Randy Meyer – Coleen Short's grandson
Betty Williamson – Larry Williamson's mother

Repose of the Soul

Steve Crawford – Sydney Gammroth's uncle
Nick Paschke

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and the universe will open doors
where there were only walls.

~ Joseph Campbell

For the Ride Home

~ By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it. (Jeremiah 20:9b)
- …for your kindness is a greater good than life… (Psalm 63:4a)
- Do not conform yourselves to this age (Romans 12:2)
- You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. (Matthew 16:23b)

Reflection

- How is living God's kindness different from life without it?
- How do you separate yourself from the world?
- How does the current culture conflict with being a disciple of Jesus?
- What activities in the parish make real life in God possible?

Why should I fear to cease to be what I am not, when I already become something of what I am? Why should I go to great labor to possess satisfactions that cannot last an hour, and which brings misery afterwards, when I already own God in His eternity of joy?

It is the easiest thing in the world to possess this life and this joy; all you have to do is believe and love; and yet people waste their whole lives in appalling labor and difficulty and sacrifice to get things that make real life impossible.[1]

[1]Merton, Thomas, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, New Directions: New York, 1961, p.160

That Man is You!

A Light to the Nations

Saturday Mornings
6:00 Breakfast
6:30 Presentation
7:00 Small Groups
7:30 Dismissal

Coming this Fall: That Man is You! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Starting September 10th in the Cathedral Hall.

Host Family Needed for Noah

For the 2011-2012 School Year

Noah lives in Trautstein a small German town in the Bavarian Alps with his step mother, father and brothers Simon (18) & Leon (16). His older brother Jonas (22) no longer lives at home. Noah's parents are divorced and he visits his mother every other week. His father practices natural medicine and his mother is an artist. Noah is 15 and will be in the 10th grade when he arrives for the 2011-2012 school year. He describes himself as adaptable caring, casual, friendly, neat, optimistic polite, sociable, responsible and tolerant. He is the speaker of his class and he has a lot of friends. He also likes rock climbing, hiking, skiing, swimming, playing basketball, soccer and hockey. He also likes watching movies, reading, painting and drawing. At home, he helps with cleaning, vacuuming and cooking. His step mom says that he makes very good spaghetti sauce. Noah is a good student in the top 25% of his class and especially likes art and PE. Noah would love to become a helicopter pilot and work in rescue operations. He wants to come to the US to improve his English and make new friends. For Info call EMF at 1-800-467-8363 or e-mail: mcdijoud@emfusa.org

Flood Clean-up Weekends

The Oahe Long-Term Disaster Recovery team needs volunteers to help with flood clean-up during the week-ends of September 3 & 5 and September 10 & 11. Efforts will focus on removing sandbags and mucking out homes damaged by flooding and ground water. There are signup sheets in the gathering area or on the OLBH web page. Please fill them out and turn them into Betsy in the parish office.

Thank You!

Our family would like to thank all those who took Holy Communion to my mother, Waneta Thibeault, or prayed for her while she was a resident at the Hospice House of the Hills. Special thanks to Father Janusz Korban and to Father Ed Vanorny for their many visits, for anointing mom and for Father Ed's final blessings over her body. With grateful hearts. Pete and Mary Dowse.

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